**MINUTES**

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**City of Visalia**

**August 7, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Luke Feldstein at 5:31 P.M.

Members present:

Steve Bonville, Betty McNutt, Kris Walker, David Elizarraraz, Andrew Miller, Suzanne Monroe, Diane Biehle, Laura Florez, Luke Feldstien, Tom Gordon, Sean Mulhair, Joe Eiben.

Members absent:

Josh Miller, Dave Beatie

Public comment: None Present

Minutes of the August 7, 2013 meeting were read and accepted.

Committee Appointments:

A motion was made by Betty McNutt, seconded by Andrew Miller that the recommendations for new members made by the Transportation Advisory Committee be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Suzanne Monroe, seconded by Diane Biehle that Paul Orosco be approved as a new member of the Environmental Committee. Motion carried.

Motion made by Diane, second by Suzanne that the recommendation for new members made by the Waterways and Trails Committee be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kris Walker, seconded by Diane that Ruben Olguin be approved as a new member of the Historic Preservation Committee. Motion carried.

Due to illness the presentation on the proposed Shopping Cart Ordinance and the Transient Storage Containers was postponed.

Eric presented the CAC annual work plan to the committee and ask for suggestions. He was reminded that it had been suggested that Officer Rick Haskell make a presentation on Gangs to the Committee. Also suggested were future visits to Rawhide Stadium and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The members also expressed interest in the future Sports Park. Eric will work these into the calendar and bring it back to the Committee.

Committee Reports:

POS- Suzanne Monroe reported that the presentation of this year’s Survey was well received by the Council and that they thanked everyone for their work.

Non-Profit- Laura Florez, chairperson reported that the application was under review with no major changes expected and that letters to go out to the organizations are being worked on now. The total grant amount set by the Council is $65,000. Dates for the Workshops still need to be set. Final plans will be brought back to the full committee in October. Laura also requested that the reports which each organizations is to present on the use of the grant monies be sent to the sub-committee for review.

CDBG- Meeting for the sub-committee has been scheduled for Wednesday, 8/14.

Other Issues: David Elizarraraz mentioned that he is the new president of the Conyer School PTA and that perhaps a Spanish Community Advisory Committee would be a good idea and that he would be willing to participate. He is also concerned about the gang activities in the schools. Others organizations working within the schools such as the DOGS of Crestwood were also mentioned.

Mayor Shuklian made a few impromptu comments on the recent Neighborhood Nite Out in the City saying it was a successful event for Visalia neighborhoods.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Betty McNutt

Secretary